

WI-301
Rolandhurst
Quantico vicinity
Private

c. 1870, c. 1915

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Hardy Japanese Evergreen Azaleas, red, pink, and white; Japanese Maples and Weeping Flowering Cherries, Chinese Magnolias, white, pink and purple varieties, Koster's Blue Spruce, grafted; Hybrid Rhododendron and Red Flowering Dogwood, Hick's Yew and Meyers Juniper, the New Red Leaved Barberry and Viburnum Carlesi (Korean Snowball)

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Rolandhurst

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-301

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
 1870-9130
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-301

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rolandhurst

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6955 Quantico Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Quantico ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George J. and Patricia I. McCloskey

street & number 6955 Quantico Road telephone no.:

city, town Hebron state and zip code Maryland 21830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1207

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 624

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Rolandhurst is located on the south side of Quantico Road (MD 347) northeast of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, center hall frame house faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Estimated to date around 1870 and remodeled around 1910-20, the two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame house is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation that is now painted. The exterior is clad with vinyl siding, and the medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, dining room/kitchen wing that gives the entire structure a tee shape. Joining the house on the lot is a single story gable roofed outbuilding and a single story hip roofed brick garage.

The northwest (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The replacement front door is framed by sidelights and a transom. The adjacent windows have a molded lintel. The center bay is sheltered by a colossal columned portico that rises two full stories and is supported by triple Corinthian columns. The portico roof has a pediment front embellished with a classical wreath and swag design. Extending to each side of the center portico is a single-story shed roofed porch that is supported by triple and paired sets of short Tuscan columns that rest on brick plinths. The porch extends around to the northeast side of the house incorporating a porte cochere. Piercing the second floor of the house is a center doorway that provides access to the second floor porch incorporated within the portico. Single-pane sash windows are located to each side. Rising through the roof is a single brick chimney stack.

The southwest gable is defined by a single one-over-one sash window on the first and second floors, and each window has a molded lintel. The attic is lighted by rectangular two-pane windows that also feature molded lintels. The end to the roof is finished with an extended eave featuring short returns at the base.

The northeast gable end is sheltered by the single-story porch and porte cochere. A side entrance with an oval glass doorway pierces the end wall, and a single one-over-one sash window lights the second floor. The upper gable end is pierced by a pair of two-pane windows, and the eave is extended with returns at the base of the roof.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, three-bay dining room/kitchen wing that is served by a center brick chimney stack. A combination of two-over-two and single-pane sash light the first and second floors. An open Tuscan columned porch shelters the northeast side and the porch on the southwest side has been enclosed.

The interior retains a mixture of third quarter of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century features. Surviving in the center hall is a turned baluster stair anchored by a heavily turned newel post. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house deserves listing in *Category A*.

8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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Footnotes

1 Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 83/469, 6/13/1913, Wicomico County Courthouse. Wicomico County Will Book, JAH 6/274, Written 11/23/1949, Wicomico County Courthouse.

2 Rolandhurst Nursery Brochure, c. 1930-40, Xerox copy in collection of George McCloskey, Personal interview, July 11, 1996.

3 Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 894/406, 3/10/1978, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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Chain of title

1207/624

Russell A. Jones
Ann G. Jones

to

2/1/1990

George J. McCloskey
Patricia I. McCloskey

4.95 acres

A J S 894/406

James S. Onley, Sr. et al.

to

3/10/1978

Russell A. Jones

A J S 892/401

Roland Hurst Farms, Inc.

to

1/14/1978

James S. Onley, Sr.

JWTS 630/527

Thomas E. Carroll & Son, Inc.

to

6/9/1966

Roland Hurst Farms, Inc.
111 acres

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JWTS 548/62

Victor H. Laws
Charles J. Potts, Trustees under said Thomas E.
Carroll & Sons, Inc.

to

8/10/1962

Thomas E. Carroll & Sons, Inc.

JWTS 495/125

Lillie Bounds Bailey, widow; Alberta B. Tompkins
Theron A. Tompkins, Roland J. Bailey, Jr., Zena
K. Bailey

to

2/17/1960

Northeastern Nurseries

Will Book
JAH 6/274

Last Will and Testament of Roland J. Bailey, Sr.

to

11/23/1949

Lillie Bounds Bailey

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EAT 83/469

Mabel Bailey Disharoon, et al; Ira A.
Disharoon, Stephen T. Bailey, Waller
Bailey

to

6/13/1913

Roland J. Bailey

\$1,000

SPT 5/101

Thomas M. Giles and Clara G. Giles

to

8/24/1882

Gerusa A. Bailey, wife of Stephen T. Bailey

(upon the death of said Gerusa A. Bailey,
property descended unto Roland J. Bailey,
Mable Bailey Disharoon, Waller Bailey,
Stephen T. Bailey)

\$1,350 111 acres "Hopkins Place"

being the same land or tract of land which
William Giles, late of Wicomico County
deceased, devised to be sold by his executor
John H. Giles and which was by said
executor sold to Thomas M. Giles, 4/7/1876
SPT 2/189

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Somerset County
Land Record

LW 9/374

William Giles

to, son

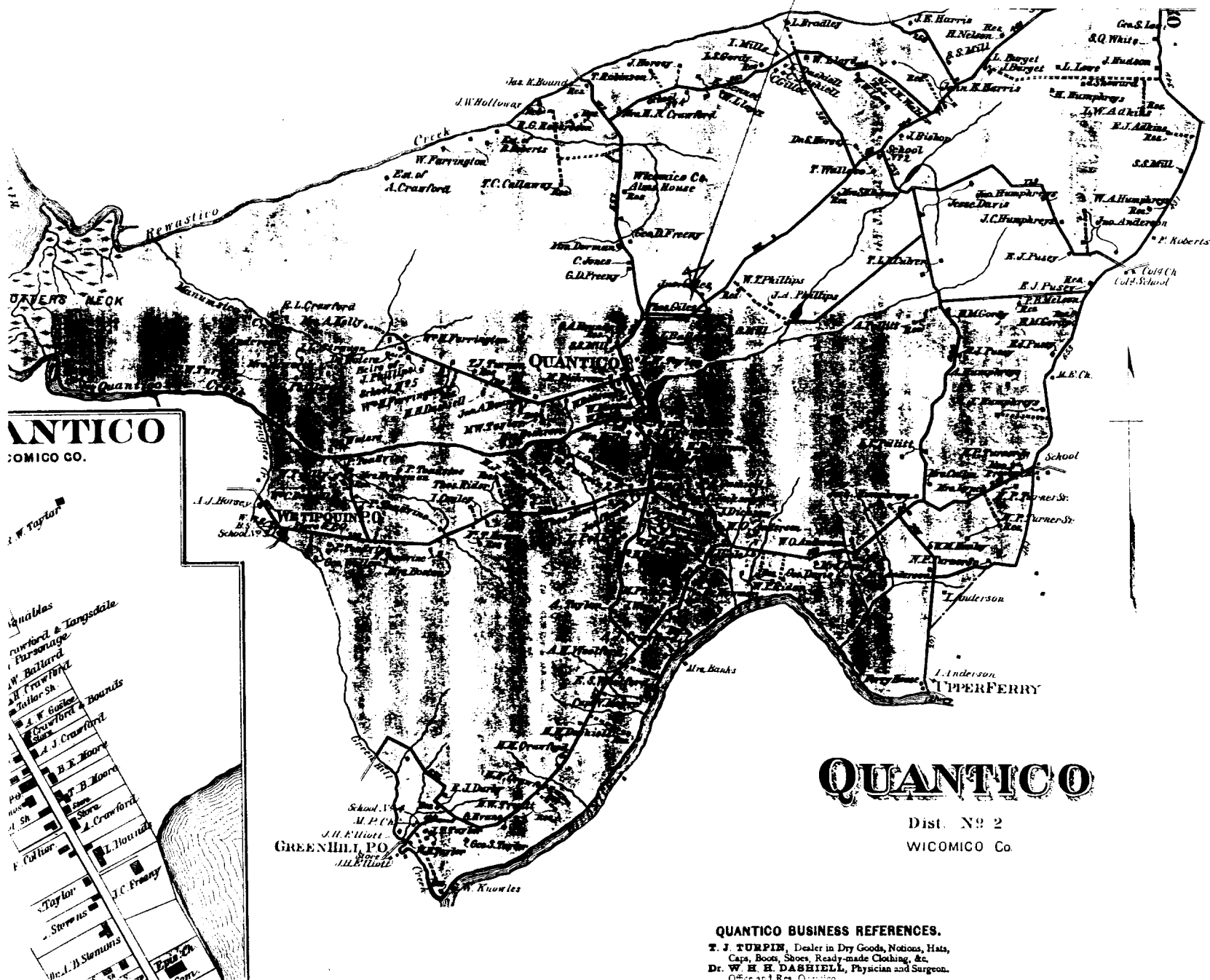
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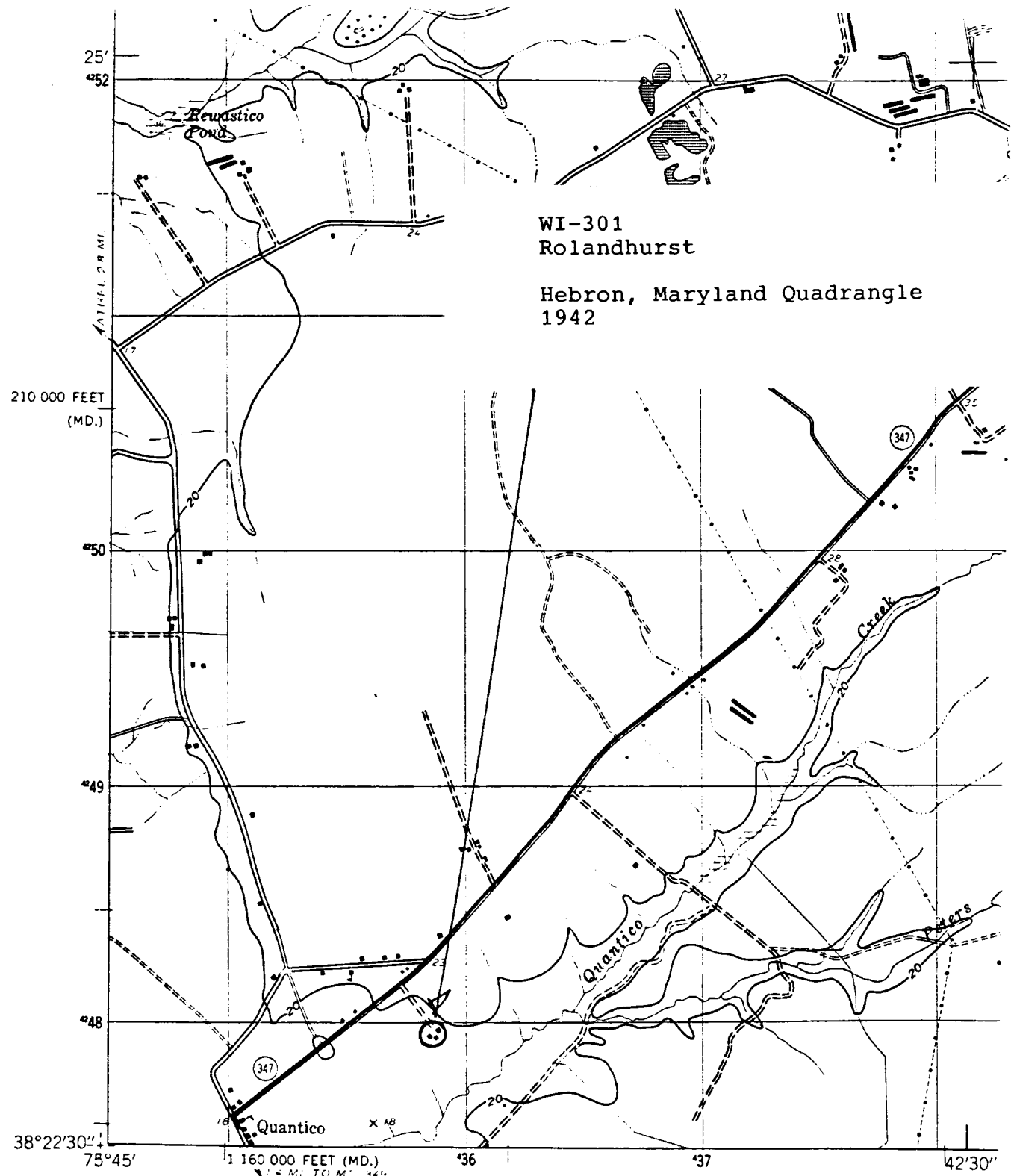
John H. Giles

"Hopkins Place" 111 acres

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 Maryland

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
 Atlas, 1877





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Published for civil use by the Geological Survey



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ROLAND BAKER

Quincy, Mass. - Worcester Co., Mass.

Mar. 1912 - 1913 - 1914

6/18/12 - 1913 - 1914 - 1915

1912/1913 - 1914 - 1915









